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Iraqi Security Forces – Trained Instructors

HABBANIYAH, Iraq – Iraqi Police (IP) and Iraqi Army (IA) students graduate the Small Arms Instructors Course given at Camp Habbaniyah, Iraq.

On August 11th, 2005, eight IP officers and 17 IA soldiers graduated the Marine-led Small Arms Instructors Course at Camp Habbaniyah, Iraq. The two week leader course is designed to provide its students with the necessary skills to instruct basic rifle marksmanship to members of their respective organizations. The course focuses on the rudimentary techniques of zeroing and target picturing and advances to encompass combat reactionary drills. The US military aims to pass on its practice of “train the trainer” to the Iraqi Security Forces.

According to Chief Warrant Officer (CW05) Terry Walker, marine gunner for the 2nd Marine Division, this instructor's course is essential to the professional development of senior leaders and moreover, the “train the trainer” method has proven effective in disseminating these fundamental soldier skills down to the lowest level. “It is pertinent that every man carrying a lethal weapon for the security and defense of his nation knows how to properly engage a target.”



The Marine school at Camp Habbaniyah offers other courses that include the enhanced marksmanship package and personal security detachment classes. Iraqi Security Forces and US military participate along side one another. This is yet another example of coalition forces integration.

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